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25X1 [REDACTED] sources supplied the following information on the training of Soviet Zone police units in GROSSENHAIN (N 52/A 01):

1. [REDACTED]

25X1 Three Soviet Zone alert police units, totaling 750 men, were located in GROSSENHAIN. The units were quartered in the former Husaren Kaserne at 18-20 Elsterwerdnerstrasse.

2. [REDACTED]

25X1 A "Soviet Zone police school" was located in GROSSENHAIN. Students were being trained for commitment in action and with messenger dogs.

3. [REDACTED]

25X1 Twenty tanks were detained at the GROSSENHAIN RR station for the local police school [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED]

a. The Soviet Zone police units stationed in GROSSENHAIN totaled about 1,200 men.

25X1 b. The units were armed with "98 k" carbines, "08" pistols, mortars, and model machine guns "42" and "34".

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c. The units were equipped with 30 three-ton "Morch" trucks, two ambulances, four passenger cars and twelve personnel carriers.

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d. Effort was made to have members of these police units "volunteer" for the Democratic People's Army in Greece.

5.

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Three or four month police training courses were being conducted in the "Soviet Zone police school", located in the former "Remonte Schule".

6.

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The GROSSENHAIM police units were equipped with tanks and motor vehicles.

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Two Soviet Zone "police brigades", totaling about 800 men, were stationed in GROSSENHAIM.

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The GROSSENHAIM "police brigades" were identical to the former "alert police units."

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The "police brigades" stationed in GROSSENHAIM were nicknamed "Ernst Thaelmann".

10.

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a. It is believed that there is a police school located in GROSSENHAIM, where police undergo infantry training in successive courses. It may be safely assumed that, in addition to the police school, the reported "police brigades" are stationed in GROSSENHAIM. This assumption is corroborated by the fact that police units were reported located in the Kussaren Kaserne whereas the police school was located in the Remonte Schule.

b. The "police brigades" presumably are receiving replacements from the police school and allegedly recruit volunteers for the "Greece" army. The "police brigades" are probably cadre units of the "Ernst Thaelmann" Brigade which simultaneously furnishes replacements for the Greek civil war. This assumption is supported by the statement that the units were equipped with weapons and motor vehicles. Although there is no evidence that the GROSSENHAIM police is equipped with tanks, it can be assumed that antitank defense is being practiced there.

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